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1. (Currently amended) A container for holding foodstuff, said container comprising a hollow body defining an internal space, and wherein said body has:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

- i) an access aperture to allow access to the internal space; and wherein the access aperture is sealed with an access lid; and wherein said access lid is connected by damped hinging means to said body; and wherein
- ii) a suction cup affixed thereto which is adapted to hold the access lid in an open position for a pre-determined period of time by forming a breakable seal with said access lid, wherein the body includes a charging aperture to allow the charging of foodstuff into the container, wherein said charging aperture is sealed with a charging lid which defines a funnel shape in an open position.
- 2. (Canceled)
- 3. (Currently amended) A container according to claim [[2]] 1wherein the charging lid comprises two elements that over-lap each other.
- 4. (Original) A container according to claim 3 wherein the upper element forms an airtight seal with the body of the container.
- 5. (Currently amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the body has an interior floor that is shaped to complement the shape of a scoop used to dispense foodstuff held in the container-so that there is no "dead space".
- 6. (Previously presented) A container according to claim 1 wherein the body of the container has a front, a rear, two sides and a base.
- 7. (Previously presented) A container according to claim 1 wherein the access aperture is located in the front of the body and the charging aperture is preferably located in the rear of the body.

8. (Currently amended) A container according to claim 1 wherein the <u>dampened damped</u> hinging means preferably comprises a <u>dampening damping</u> means which co-operates with a pinion wherein said pinion interacts with an arm which is attached to the access lid, said arm having a rack on a longitudinal edge.

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- 9. (Currently amended) A container according to claim 8 wherein the rotation of the pinion is resisted by the <u>dampening damping</u> means, which preferably contains a substance with high viscosity such as silicon grease.
- 10. (Currently amended) A container according to claim 8 wherein the dampening damping means and pinion are housed within a housing.
- 11. (Original) A container according to claim 10 wherein the housing is preferably defined by a cylindrical depression on the side of the body.
- 12. (Currently amended) A container according to claim 8 wherein the pinion and associated dampening damping means are preferably mounted on a carrier within the housing.
- 13. (Original) A container according to claim 11 wherein the carrier device comprises a disk including a plurality of circular apertures, each spaced at a different distance from the circumference of the disk so that the disk may be used for different sized pinions.
- 14. (Original) A container according to claim 13 wherein the disk comprises three circular apertures.
- 15. (Original) A container according to claim 1 wherein the base of the body is preferably adapted to be attached to a display rack.
- 16. (Original) A container according to claim 1 wherein the body of the container has flat sides so that a plurality of containers may be stacked side-by-side.

17. (Original) A container according to claim 1 wherein the top of the body of the container is curved.

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- 18. (Original) A container according to claim 1 wherein the body of the container is adapted to house a scoop below the access lid.
- 19. (Original) A container according to claim 17 wherein the access lid forms an air-tight seal with the container in the closed position.